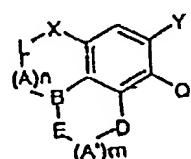


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

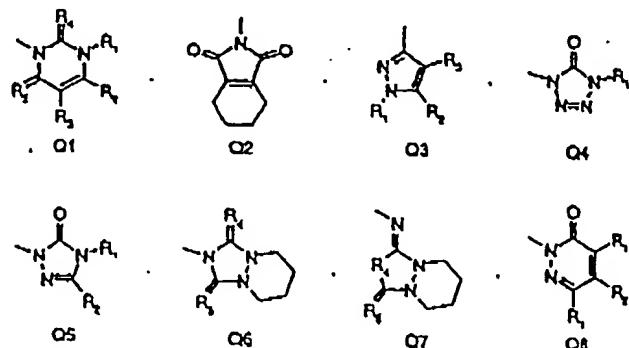
**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A compound represented by the formula (I) or its salt:

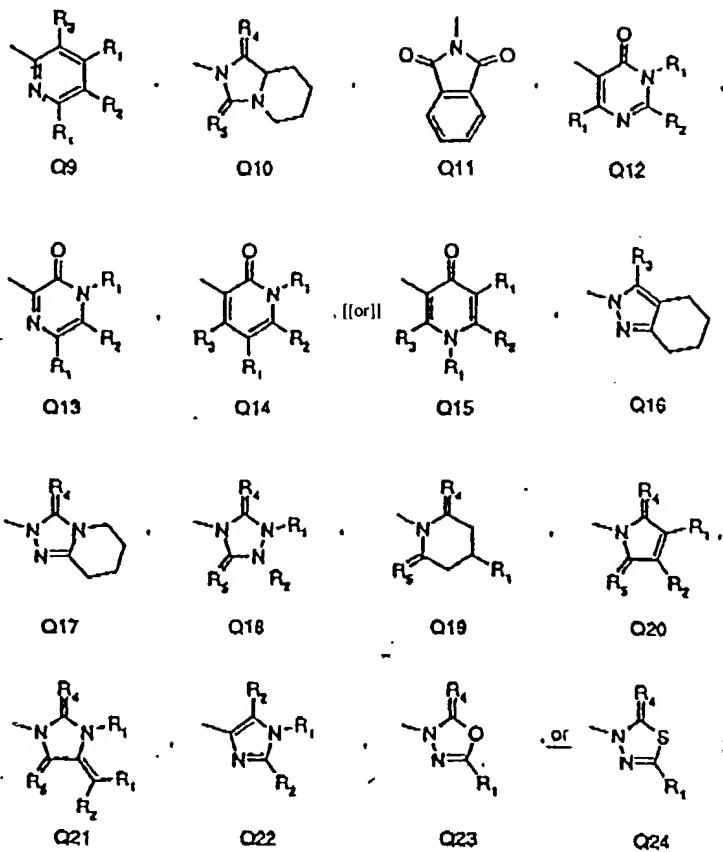


I

wherein Q is a heterocycle selected from the group consisting of Q1 to Q24:



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wherein R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, amino, alkoxyalkyl, acetyl, alkoxy carbonylamino, alkyl carbonylamino or alkoxy carbonyl;  
R<sub>2</sub> is alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy or unsubstituted or substituted phenyl;  
R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen, halogen, nitro, amino, alkylamino, haloalkylamino, cyano or amide;  
R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are independently oxygen, sulfur or imino;

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Q6, Q7, Q 10, Q 16 or Q 17 may be unsaturated containing one or two double bonds in the 6-membered ring;

Y is hydrogen or halogen;

-L-X- is -CR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>-O- or -CR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>-S-,

A is -C(O)-

A' is -C(O)-

n is an integer of 1;

m is an integer of 1;

B is N;

E is -CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub>;

D is -NR-;

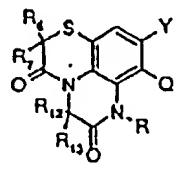
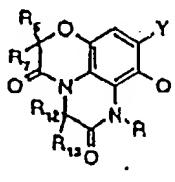
R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> are independently hydrogen or alkyl;

R<sub>12</sub>, and R<sub>13</sub>, are independently hydrogen,

alkyl, alkenyl, or phenyl, heteroaryloxy where any of these groups may be substituted with at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of halogen and alkoxy;

R is hydrogen, or alkyl.

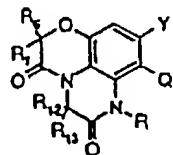
2. (original): The compound according to claim 1, wherein the formula (I) is



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Wherein Q, R, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>12</sub>, R<sub>13</sub> and Y are the same as defined in claim 1.

3. (original): The compound according to claim 1, wherein Q is Q 1-5, Q16 or Q17.
4. (original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein Y is fluorine.
5. (original): The compound according to claim 1, wherein the formula (I) is (I-1)



I-1

Wherein Q is Q1 or Q3; Y is fluorine; and R, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>12</sub> and R<sub>13</sub> are the same as defined in claim 1.

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~~3-yl] 9-fluoro-2-R-methyl-5H-pyrazino[1,2,3-de]-1,4-benzoxazine-3,6(2H,7H)-dione (1-48) 8-[4-Chloro-1-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]-9-fluoro-2-R-methyl-5H-pyrazino[1,2,3-de]-1,4-benzoxazine-3,6(2H,7H)-dione (1-48), 8-[4-Chloro-1-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]-2,2-dimethyl-9-fluoro-5H-pyrazino[1,2,3-de]-1,4-benzoxazine-3,6(2H,7H)-dione (1-52) and 8-[4-Chloro-5(difluoromethoxy)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-3-yl]-9-fluoro-2-R-methyl-5H-pyrazino[1,2,3-de]-1,4-benzoxazine-3,6(2H,7H)-dione (1-55) 8-[4-Chloro-5(difluoromethoxy)-1-methyl-1H-pyrazole-3-yl]-9-fluoro-2-R-methyl-5H-pyrazino[1,2,3de]-1,4-benzoxazine-3,6(2H,7H)-dione (1-55).~~

7. (original): A herbicidal composition, characterized in that it contains at least one compound according to claim I and an agricultural adjuvant.
8. (original): A method for controlling undesired vegetation which comprises applying to a locus to be protected a herbicidally effective amount of a compound of claim 1.
9. (original): The method of claim 8 wherein the locus to be protected is a cereal crop field.
10. (original): The method of claim 8 wherein the compound of claim 1 is applied to soil as a preemergent herbicide.
11. (original): The method of claim 8 wherein the compound of claim I1 is applied to plant foliage.

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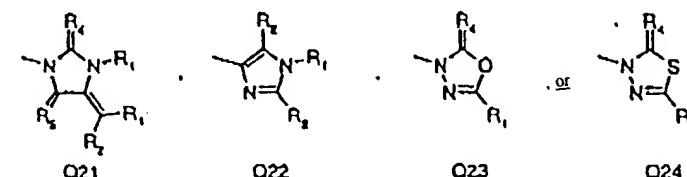
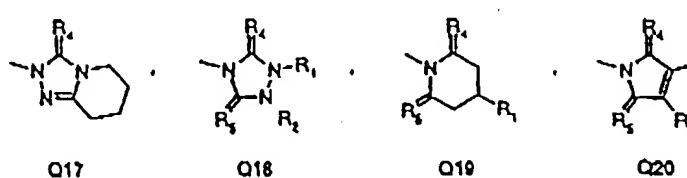
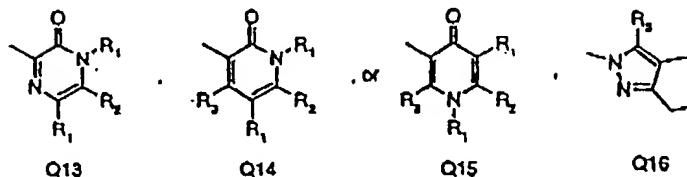
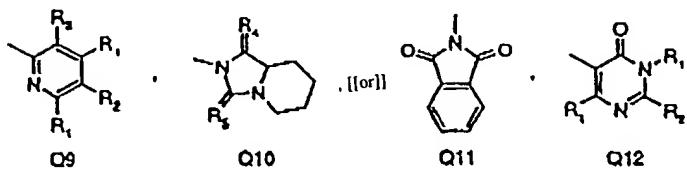
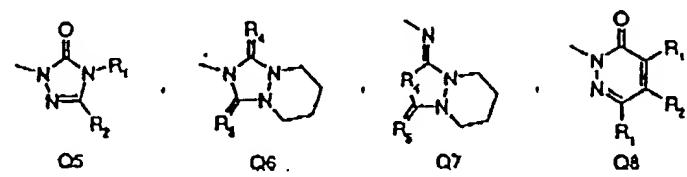
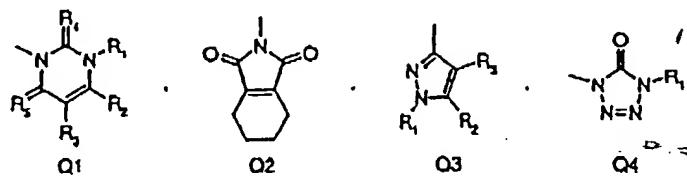
12. (previously presented): A process for preparing a compound represented by the formula  $\text{II}(\text{I})$  or its salt:

~~wherein Q is a heterocycle selected from the group consisting of Q1 to Q24.~~



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wherein  $R_1$  is hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, amino, alkoxyalkyl, acetyl, alkoxycarbonyl amino, alkylcarbonylamino or alkoxycarbonyl;

$R_2$  is alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy or unsubstituted or substituted phenyl;

$R_3$  is hydrogen, halogen, nitro, amino, alkylamino, haloalkylamino, cyan or amide;

$R_4$  and  $R_5$  are independently oxygen, sulfur or imino;

$Q_6$ ,  $Q_7$ ,  $Q_10$ ,  $Q_16$  or  $Q_17$  may be unsaturated containing one or two double bonds in the 6-membered ring;

$Y$  is hydrogen or halogen;

$-L-X-$  is  $-CR_6R_7-O-$ , or  $-CR_6R_7-S-$ ,

$A$  is  $-C(O)-$ ;

$A'$  is  $-C(O)-$ ;

$n$  is an integer of 1;

$m$  is an integer of 1;

$B$  is  $N$ ;

$E$  is  $-CR_{12}R_{13}-$ ;

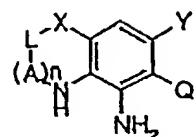
$D$  is  $-NR-$ ;

$R_6$  and  $R_7$  are independently hydrogen or alkyl;

$R_{12}$ , and  $R_{13}$ , are independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, or phenyl, where any of these groups may be substituted with at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of halogen and alkoxy;

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R is hydrogen or alkyl, which comprises of reacting a compound represented by the formula (II):



II

with a compound selected from the group consisting of an appropriately substituted alkyl halide, alkyl acid halide, aryl acid halide, alkyl acid anhydride, aryl acid anhydride, alkylhaloformate, alkyl isocyanate, aryl isocyanate, alkyl dihalide, aliphatic aldehyde, aliphatic ketone, aromatic aldehyde, and aromatic ketone followed by cyclization wherein -L-X-, A, n, Q and Y are as earlier defined.